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**Spring Season Fresh Market Vegetables Down 5 Percent  
Processed Vegetable Contracted Acreage Down 1 Percent  
Onion Acreage Down 3 Percent**

The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 214,100 acres, down 5 percent from last year. Acreage decreases for snap beans, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, head lettuce, and tomatoes more than offset acreage increases for carrots, sweet corn, and bell peppers. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 79,100 acres, down 1 percent from last year. Watermelon acreage is up 3 percent from 2004. Cantaloup acreage is down 4 percent from a year ago. Honeydew melon acreage is down 13 percent. Asparagus acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 49,500 acres, down 6 percent from last year. Strawberry acreage for harvest is forecast at 43,700 acres, up 2 percent for comparable States in 2004.

Processors expect to contract 1.21 million acres of the 5 major processed vegetable crops in the U.S. this year, down 1 percent from last year. Contracted acreage decreases are forecast for tomatoes, snap beans, and sweet corn, while cucumbers for pickles and green peas show increases. Freezing firms expect to contract virtually the same acreage as last year, with 383,600 acres under contract. Acreage for both snap beans and green peas is up 2 percent. Sweet corn acreage for freezing is down 2 percent from last year. Canneries contracted for 829,500 acres, down 2 percent from 2004. Acreage increased for cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and sweet corn, up 15, 13, and less than 1 percent, respectively, while acreage decreased for tomatoes and snap beans, down 9 and 7 percent, respectively.

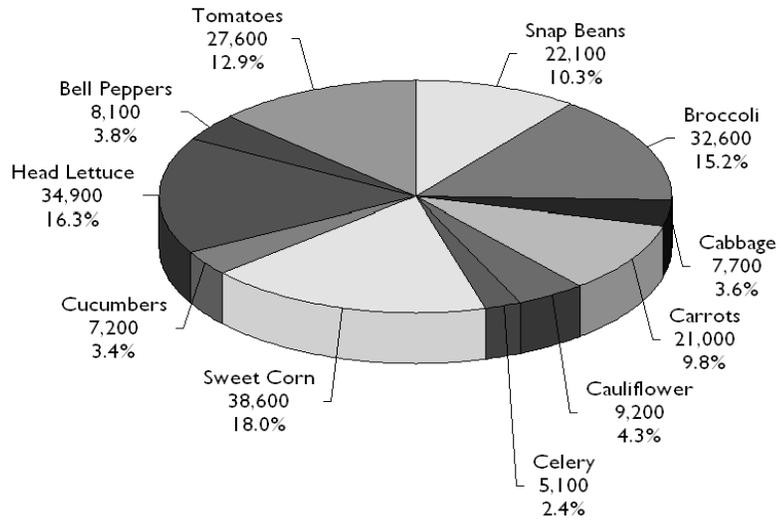
Total planted onion acreage for all seasons in 2005 is forecast at 172,300 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Spring onions will be harvested from 37,100 acres in 2005, up 4 percent from 2004. Georgia and Texas combined production is forecast at 7.59 million cwt, 1 percent below last year. Summer non-storage onion planted acreage, at 24,000 acres, is virtually unchanged from a year ago. Total summer onion acreage, at 133,000 acres, is down 3 percent from the previous year.

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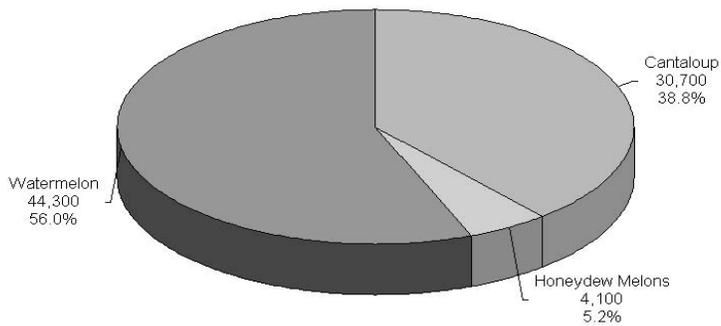
## Spring Season Fresh Market Vegetables: 2005

Harvested Acres  
Total: 214,100



## Spring Season Fresh Market Melons: 2005

Harvested Acres  
Total: 79,100



**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Season,  
and Crop, Major States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted Area 2005  
(Domestic Units)**

Season and Crop	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2005
	2003	2004	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Winter	175,000	181,200	184,700
Spring			
Snap Beans	20,900	22,400	22,100
Broccoli <sup>1</sup>	33,500	34,500	32,600
Cabbage	7,900	8,200	7,700
Carrots	19,900	19,300	21,000
Cauliflower <sup>1</sup>	8,500	9,500	9,200
Celery <sup>1</sup>	5,200	5,200	5,100
Sweet Corn	38,300	37,200	38,600
Cucumbers	8,000	7,400	7,200
Head Lettuce	37,200	46,100	34,900
Bell Peppers <sup>1</sup>	7,500	7,600	8,100
Tomatoes	27,000	28,000	27,600
Total 11 Vegetables	213,900	225,400	214,100
Cantaloup	29,100	32,100	30,700
Honeydew Melons	5,200	4,700	4,100
Watermelon	43,000	43,000	44,300
Total 3 Melons	77,300	79,800	79,100
Total Spring Crop	291,200	305,200	293,200

<sup>1</sup> Includes fresh market and processing.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Season,  
and Crop, Major States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted Area 2005  
(Metric Units)**

Season and Crop	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2005
	2003	2004	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
Winter	70,820	73,330	74,750
Spring			
Snap Beans	8,460	9,070	8,940
Broccoli <sup>1</sup>	13,560	13,960	13,190
Cabbage	3,200	3,320	3,120
Carrots	8,050	7,810	8,500
Cauliflower <sup>1</sup>	3,440	3,840	3,720
Celery <sup>1</sup>	2,100	2,100	2,060
Sweet Corn	15,500	15,050	15,620
Cucumbers	3,240	2,990	2,910
Head Lettuce	15,050	18,660	14,120
Bell Peppers <sup>1</sup>	3,040	3,080	3,280
Tomatoes	10,930	11,330	11,170
Total 11 Vegetables <sup>2</sup>	86,560	91,220	86,640
Cantaloup	11,780	12,990	12,420
Honeydew Melons	2,100	1,900	1,660
Watermelon	17,400	17,400	17,930
Total 3 Melons <sup>2</sup>	31,280	32,290	32,010
Total Spring Crop <sup>2</sup>	117,850	123,510	118,660

<sup>1</sup> Includes fresh market and processing.

<sup>2</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Crop, State,  
and Total, Spring Season, 2003-2004 and Forecasted Area 2005**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		
		Harvested		For Harvest 2005
		2003	2004	
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Snap Beans				
FL	Apr-Jun	11,000	11,400	11,500
GA	Apr-Jun	8,500	9,500	8,900
NJ	Jun-Aug	1,400	1,500	1,700
Total		20,900	22,400	22,100
Broccoli <sup>1</sup>				
CA	Apr-Jun	33,500	34,500	32,600
Cabbage				
FL	Apr-Jun	1,800	1,800	1,800
GA	Apr-Jun	4,400	4,500	4,000
NJ	May-Aug	1,000	1,000	1,000
TX	Apr-Jun	700	900	900
Total		7,900	8,200	7,700
Cantaloup				
AZ	Apr-Jun	10,200	12,500	13,500
CA	Apr-Jun	10,900	11,500	11,500
GA	Apr-Jun	4,200	4,600	3,700
TX	Apr-Jun	3,800	3,500	2,000
Total		29,100	32,100	30,700
Carrots				
CA	Apr-Jun	19,000	18,500	20,000
TX	Apr-Jun	900	800	1,000
Total		19,900	19,300	21,000
Cauliflower <sup>1</sup>				
CA	Apr-Jun	8,500	9,500	9,200
Celery <sup>1</sup>				
CA	Apr-Jun	5,200	5,200	5,100
Sweet Corn				
CA	Apr-Jun	12,300	11,700	12,600
FL	Apr-Jun	26,000	25,500	26,000
Total		38,300	37,200	38,600

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Crop, State,  
and Total, Spring Season, 2003-2004 and Forecasted Area 2005 (continued)**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		
		Harvested		For Harvest 2005
		2003	2004	
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Cucumbers				
FL	Apr-Jun	6,500	6,100	5,900
SC	May-Aug	1,200	1,000	1,000
TX	Apr-Jun	300	300	300
Total		8,000	7,400	7,200
Honeydew Melons				
CA	Apr-Jun	3,500	3,400	3,400
TX	Apr-Jun	1,700	1,300	700
Total		5,200	4,700	4,100
Head Lettuce				
AZ - Other	Apr-Jun	600		
CA	Apr-Jun	36,000	45,000	34,000
NJ	Apr-Jun	600		
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>			1,100	900
Total		37,200	46,100	34,900
Bell Peppers <sup>1</sup>				
FL	Apr-Jul	7,000	7,300	7,800
TX	Apr-Jun	500	300	300
Total		7,500	7,600	8,100
Tomatoes				
CA	Apr-Jun	6,800	7,500	7,000
FL	Apr-Jul	16,900	17,000	17,500
SC	May-Aug	3,300	3,500	3,100
Total		27,000	28,000	27,600
Watermelons				
CA	Apr-Jun	3,000	3,500	3,300
FL	Apr-Jul	24,000	25,000	26,000
TX	Apr-Jun	16,000	14,500	15,000
Total		43,000	43,000	44,300

<sup>1</sup> Includes fresh market and processing.

<sup>2</sup> 2004 - 2005 - AZ and NJ.

**Fresh Market Vegetables: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production  
by Crop, Season, State, and Total, 2003-2004 and Forecasted 2005**

Crop, Season, and State	Area			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	2003	2004							
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
Asparagus <sup>1</sup>									
Spring									
CA	27,000	24,000	22,000	34	34		918	816	
MI	15,000	14,500	14,500	21	20		317	290	
WA	16,000	14,000	13,000	38	43		608	602	
Total	58,000	52,500	49,500	32	33		1,843	1,708	
Onions									
Spring <sup>2</sup>									
AZ <sup>3</sup>	1,500	1,600	2,300	500	500		750	800	
CA <sup>3</sup>	7,500	7,100	7,300	490	505		3,675	3,586	
GA	12,500	14,500	13,500	175	260	215	2,188	3,770	2,903
TX	11,000	12,500	14,000	320	310	335	3,520	3,875	4,690
Total	32,500	35,700	37,100	312	337		10,133	12,031	
Straw-berries <sup>1</sup>									
CA	29,600	33,200	34,300	645	590	580	19,092	19,588	19,894
FL	7,100	7,100	7,300	220	230	245	1,562	1,633	1,789
MI <sup>4</sup>	1,100	900		57	46		63	41	
OR <sup>3</sup>	2,600	2,400	2,100	115	135		295	324	
Major States Total	40,400	43,600	43,700	520	495		21,012	21,586	

<sup>1</sup> Includes fresh market and processing.

<sup>2</sup> Primarily fresh market.

<sup>3</sup> First production forecast will be published July 8, 2005.

<sup>4</sup> Seasonal estimate discontinued. Estimate to be published in the *Vegetables 2005 Summary*, released in January 2006.

**Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States,  
2003-2004 and Forecasted Area 2005**

Season and State	Area Planted		
	2003	2004	2005
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Spring <sup>1</sup>			
AZ	1,500	1,600	2,300
CA	7,700	7,300	7,500
GA	14,000	16,500	14,000
TX	12,800	14,500	15,500
Total	36,000	39,900	39,300
Summer <sup>1</sup>			
Non-storage			
CA	7,800	8,800	9,000
NV	3,100	3,400	3,300
NM	7,700	7,300	7,400
TX	2,700	2,900	2,900
WA <sup>2</sup>	1,400	1,500	1,400
Total	22,700	23,900	24,000
Storage			
CA <sup>3</sup>	36,000	29,400	29,000
CO	10,500	12,500	12,000
ID	10,000	11,000	9,900
MI	3,700	3,700	3,500
MN <sup>4 5</sup>	280		
NY	12,100	13,500	13,300
OH <sup>6</sup>	380		
OR			
Malheur	12,400	13,500	11,400
Other	6,900	7,000	7,300
UT <sup>7</sup>	1,900	1,600	
WA	18,000	19,000	19,000
WI	2,100	2,000	1,800
Oth Sts <sup>8</sup>		700	1,800
Total	114,260	113,900	109,000
Total Summer	136,960	137,800	133,000
US	172,960	177,700	172,300

<sup>1</sup> Primarily fresh market.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions.

<sup>3</sup> Primarily dehydrated and other processing.

<sup>4</sup> 2004 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>5</sup> Estimate discontinued in 2005.

<sup>6</sup> 2004 and 2005 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>7</sup> 2005 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>8</sup> 2004 - MN and OH.  
2005 - OH and UT.

## Fresh Market Crop Comments

**Asparagus:** Intended acreage for harvest is forecast at 49,500 acres, down 6 percent from 2004. Acreage in California decreased 8 percent due to continued rain through February and into early March coupled with competition from Mexico. The season got off to a slow start but warm weather between storms enhanced growth and allowed harvest to begin in the San Joaquin and Salinas Valleys. Michigan's crop wintered well and is looking good. Growers indicate no change in acreage this season. Washington's weather conditions this winter were mild and snow was very short leaving growers concerned about the water supply for the upcoming season. Harvested acreage is forecast at 13,000 acres, 7 percent below last year.

**Snap Beans:** Acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 22,100 acres, down 1 percent from last year. Florida and New Jersey acreage increased 1 percent and 13 percent, respectively, while Georgia's acreage decreased 6 percent. Florida growers are harvesting the winter acreage and will soon start on the spring crop. No major problems have been reported. Georgia snap beans are in good to fair condition with favorable conditions reported for this season. New Jersey growers, although intending to plant more snap beans this year because of good prices, are concerned over rising fuel and labor costs.

**Broccoli:** California's acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 32,600 acres, down 6 percent from 2004. Wet, cool weather in February interrupted planting and slowed development but warmer weather in March stimulated growth. No major pest or disease problems are reported for the spring season.

**Cabbage:** Acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 7,700 acres, down 6 percent from last year. Acreage is unchanged for Florida, New Jersey, and Texas while Georgia's acreage decreased 11 percent. Florida's harvest is active with no major problems reported. The Georgia crop is in good condition. Soil moisture and temperatures have been favorable for the crop this season. Growing conditions have been favorable for the early cabbage crop in New Jersey. Texas growers report wet and muddy field conditions which have slowed harvest.

**Cantaloup:** Acreage intended for harvest is forecast at 30,700 acres, down 4 percent from 2004. Arizona's crop is up 8 percent from the previous spring and is expected to be harvested on schedule. California's cantaloup crop is currently expected to be about two weeks late due to cooler than average temperatures, wet conditions, and cloudy skies. The Georgia crop is reported in good to fair condition. Weather in Texas has been favorable for good growth and development and melon growers expect a good season.

**Carrots:** Acreage for harvest is forecast at 21,000 acres, up 9 percent from last year. Forecasted spring acreage is up in California and Texas. Weather in California has been favorable and development is normal. Baby carrots continue to be popular. Growers and shippers are capitalizing on the demand created by the "5-a-Day the Color Way" marketing efforts and the trend toward packaged vegetables. The Texas crop is progressing well.

**Cauliflower:** California's acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 9,200 acres, 3 percent below 2004. Wet, cool weather in February delayed planting and slowed growth and development. Conditions warmed in March, allowing continued growth. No major pest or disease problems are reported this season.

**Celery:** California's acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 5,100 acres, down 2 percent from last year. Excessive rainfall in the central and southern coast areas of the State since last fall has reduced spring production. The crop has been behind for the past few months but more recently has begun to show improvement.

**Sweet Corn:** Intended acreage for harvest is forecast at 38,600 acres, up 4 percent from a year ago. Both California and Florida expect increased acreage for the spring season. The California crop is in good to excellent condition with no pest or disease problems reported. In Florida, cooler temperatures during most of March slowed stalk and ear development. Recent warmer weather has spurred development and most acreage is reported in good condition.

**Cucumbers:** Spring harvested acreage is forecast at 7,200 acres, down 3 percent from 2004. Florida's acreage is forecast at 5,900 acres, 3 percent below last year. Planting was on schedule until recent rains interrupted field work. Acreage in South Carolina and Texas is unchanged from last year. Texas growers report favorable growing conditions for this year's spring crop.

**Honeydew Melons:** Acreage for harvest is forecast at 4,100 acres, down 13 percent from 2004. California's honeydew crop development was hindered by cool temperatures and cloudy skies. The crop could be two weeks late. In general, the weather in Texas has been favorable and the honeydew crop is progressing well.

**Head Lettuce:** Intended acreage for harvest is forecast at 34,900 acres, down 24 percent from 2004. Acreage is forecasted to decrease in California. The Arizona crop has been delayed by excessive wet and muddy field conditions. Growers report a wide range in crop quality. In California, planting of Salinas Valley lettuce is on schedule despite continued rainfall. The Huron district is expected to begin harvesting by the end of March. Demand for ready to eat bagged salad remains high. In New Jersey, field preparation and planting is slightly behind schedule due to recent cold and rainy weather. However, growers still expect a normal season.

**Spring Onions:** Producers intend to harvest 37,100 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Arizona growers have been unable to get into fields due to increased rainfall. Some growers are having to spray for mold because of the wet conditions. Some locations throughout California report mild temperatures and good conditions that have led to good stands. Some areas of California, however, are two weeks behind schedule because of below normal temperatures and rain. Some intended acreage was not planted due to wet field conditions. In Georgia, the crop is doing well and disease problems are minimal. Harvest will begin in early April and is expected to peak by the end of April. Irrigation in Georgia has been minimal. Texas onions are doing very well. Milder weather has made for optimum growing conditions.

**Summer Non-Storage Onions:** Non-storage planted acreage is 24,000 acres, up less than 1 percent from last year. The California summer onion crop was planted with some delays due to rain. Recent mild temperatures and timely rainfall have helped the crop to progress. No major problems have been reported. Planting in Nevada is underway with some growers having difficulty due to wet field conditions. New Mexico planting was 90 percent complete as of the last week of March with the crop reported in mostly good condition. The Texas summer onion crop is doing well due to milder weather conditions and the recent decrease in rainfall. Washington's winter conditions were good and over wintered onions are in good condition at the present time. Onion growers who irrigate are concerned because water levels are well below normal this year.

**Summer Storage Onions:** Storage planted acreage is 109,000 acres, down 4 percent from comparable States in 2004. California acreage, which is primarily dehydrated or otherwise processed, is forecast at 29,000 acres, down 1 percent from 2004. The California storage onion crop was planted with some rain delays but no major problems are reported. Mild temperatures in addition to recent rains have helped crop development. Colorado growers remain optimistic for a more normal crop this year due to an above-average snow pack. March precipitation was also above normal this year. Idaho onion planting has already begun due to early spring-like conditions. Irrigation supplies for the State are expected to be short. However, growers expect water supplies to be adequate for this year's crop. New York acreage is expected to be about the same as last year. Oregon acreage in Malheur is expected to decrease while acreage in other areas is expected to increase. In Utah, drought conditions have lessened due to good snowfall in the mountains and recent rain and snow in the growing areas. Most of the small and moderate sized reservoirs should be filled this year, but the large reservoirs and lakes will take a few more wet years to fill. In Washington, lack of rain or snow pack over the winter months is a concern for onion growers.

**Bell Peppers:** Acreage for harvest is forecast at 8,100 acres, up 7 percent from 2004. In Florida, favorable conditions early in the season allowed good growth and development. However, recent rainy weather may have caused damage to the crop. The extent of the damage is currently being assessed. Texas bell peppers are doing well but harvest was slowed by excessive rainfall early in the season.

**Strawberries:** Acreage intended for harvest is forecast at 43,700 acres, up 2 percent from last year's comparable States. California's acreage for harvest is forecast at 34,300 acres, up 3 percent from 2004. The California strawberry season started slow this year due to heavy rainfall in Southern California which caused fruit damage and delayed harvest. However, production in recent weeks has increased. California acreage is reported to be moving north from the southern districts to Oxnard and Santa Maria. In Florida, the crop started slightly behind last year. Planting got a late start due to hurricanes blowing up the plastic. Harvest began in late November and should be finished in early April. Quality is reported as better than last year. The Oregon crop is expected to be smaller than last year because of dry conditions over the winter to the present time.

**Tomatoes:** Acreage for harvest is forecast at 27,600 acres, down 1 percent from 2004. In California, continued rainfall and wet soil conditions slowed field activity throughout March leading to a decrease in harvested acres. No pest or disease problems have been reported thus far. Florida's weather has been cooler than normal, causing slower foliage and fruit development. However, most of the acreage is in good condition. Harvest is active in the southern Peninsula during March.

**Watermelons:** Acreage intended for harvest is forecast at 44,300 acres, up 3 percent from last year. California's melon crop is progressing slowly due to cool temperatures and cloudy skies and is expected to reach the market two weeks late. Demand is high for the new baby watermelons. Florida's harvest is expected to begin in April and continue into early July. Texas growers are concerned about fungal disease pressure carried over from last year's crop.

**Processing Vegetables: Prospective Plantings and Production by Crop  
and Expected Utilization, United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted 2005  
(Domestic Units)**

Utilization and Crop	Area Planted			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	200,900	206,900	202,950	194,800
Sweet Corn	438,400	412,700	412,400	408,800
Cucumbers for Pickles	120,900	116,300	87,300	100,700
Green Peas	245,600	211,100	211,100	224,900
Tomatoes	310,030	321,230	313,130	283,900
Total	1,315,830	1,268,230	1,226,880	1,213,100
Canning				
Snap Beans	142,200	144,500	143,400	133,900
Sweet Corn	222,600	215,300	215,300	215,800
Cucumbers for Pickles	120,900	116,300	87,300	100,700
Green Peas	106,700	84,400	84,400	95,200
Tomatoes	310,030	321,230	313,130	283,900
Total Canning	902,430	881,730	843,530	829,500
Freezing				
Snap Beans	58,700	62,400	59,550	60,900
Sweet Corn	215,800	197,400	197,100	193,000
Green Peas	138,900	126,700	126,700	129,700
Total Freezing	413,400	386,500	383,350	383,600
		Production		
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Tomatoes	9,819,710	12,266,410	11,941,550	10,843,750

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

**Processing Vegetables: Prospective Plantings and Production by Crop  
and Expected Utilization, United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted 2005  
(Metric Units)**

Utilization and Crop	Area Planted			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	81,300	83,730	82,130	78,830
Sweet Corn	177,420	167,020	166,890	165,440
Cucumbers for Pickles	48,930	47,070	35,330	40,750
Green Peas	99,390	85,430	85,430	91,010
Tomatoes	125,470	130,000	126,720	114,890
Total <sup>2</sup>	532,500	513,240	496,510	490,930
Canning				
Snap Beans	57,550	58,480	58,030	54,190
Sweet Corn	90,080	87,130	87,130	87,330
Cucumbers for Pickles	48,930	47,070	35,330	40,750
Green Peas	43,180	34,160	34,160	38,530
Tomatoes	125,470	130,000	126,720	114,890
Total Canning <sup>2</sup>	365,200	356,830	341,370	335,690
Freezing				
Snap Beans	23,760	25,250	24,100	24,650
Sweet Corn	87,330	79,890	79,760	78,110
Green Peas	56,210	51,270	51,270	52,490
Total Freezing <sup>2</sup>	167,300	156,410	155,140	155,240
		Production		
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>
Tomatoes	8,908,240	11,127,840	10,833,140	9,837,230

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding. Utilizations may not add to total crop because of rounding.

**Snap Beans for Processing: Area Planted and Contracted  
by State and United States, and Utilization by United States,  
2003-2004 and Forecasted Area 2005**

State and Utilization	Area Planted			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
DE	2,900			
IL	17,100	12,900	12,800	14,900
IN	6,500	6,100	6,100	6,400
MD	2,700			
MI	14,800	17,700	17,700	23,000
NY	23,700	20,900	20,900	21,700
OR	16,500	18,200	18,200	17,700
PA	7,900	14,000	13,100	8,900
VA	1,000			
WI	72,000	76,000	74,400	71,300
Oth Sts <sup>2 3 4</sup>	35,800	41,100	39,750	30,900
US	200,900	206,900	202,950	194,800
Canning	142,200	144,500	143,400	133,900
Freezing	58,700	62,400	59,550	60,900

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> 2003 - AR, CA, FL, GA, MN, MO, NJ, NC, and TX.

2004 - AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, MN, MO, NJ, NC, TX, VA, and WA.

2005 - CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, MN, NJ, NC, TX, and VA.

<sup>3</sup> Seasonal forecasts for AR and MO are not available. Estimate to be published in the *Vegetables 2005 Summary*, released in January 2006.

<sup>4</sup> WA estimate discontinued in 2005.

**Sweet Corn for Processing: Area Planted and Contracted  
by State and United States, and Utilization by United States,  
2003-2004 and Forecasted Area 2005**

State and Utilization	Area Planted			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
DE	9,400	7,300	7,300	
MD	5,500	6,500	6,500	6,700
MN	142,200	138,000	138,000	143,800
NY	16,300	19,500	19,500	18,700
OR	31,000	28,500	28,500	24,500
PA	1,200	1,700	1,700	1,600
WA	101,500	96,100	96,100	80,600
WI	93,400	80,700	80,700	86,800
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	37,900	34,400	34,100	46,100
US	438,400	412,700	412,400	408,800
Canning	222,600	215,300	215,300	215,800
Freezing	215,800	197,400	197,100	193,000

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> 2003 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, and TN.

2004 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, TN, and VA.

2005 - DE, ID, IL, IA, NJ, TN, and VA.

**Cucumbers for Pickles: Area Planted and Contracted by State  
and United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted Area 2005**

State	Area Planted			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
FL	6,500	6,500	1,000	6,700
IN	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600
MD	4,300	4,300	4,300	
MI	34,000	35,000	26,500	27,000
NC	17,600	17,000	9,900	11,000
OH	2,300	5,500	2,800	3,800
SC	4,500	4,200	4,000	4,300
TX	8,500	7,500	3,500	7,000
WI	5,600	4,600	4,400	4,700
Oth Sts <sup>2 3</sup>	35,900	30,000	29,200	34,600
US	120,900	116,300	87,300	100,700

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> 2003 - AL, CA, DE, GA, MA, MO, and WA.

2004 - AL, CA, DE, GA, MA, MO, and WA.

2005 - AL, CA, DE, GA, MD, MA, and MO.

<sup>3</sup> Seasonal forecasts for WA are not available. Estimate to be published in the *Vegetables 2005 Summary*, released in January 2006.

**Green Peas for Processing: Area Planted and Contracted by State  
and United States, and Utilization by United States,  
2003-2004 and Forecasted Area 2005**

State and Utilization	Area Planted			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
DE	5,900	6,000	6,000	6,000
MN	88,700	71,700	71,700	85,500
NY	17,000	19,000	19,000	20,600
OR	22,400	17,700	17,700	15,300
WA	45,500	35,600	35,600	36,000
WI	39,600	30,200	30,200	38,600
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	26,500	30,900	30,900	22,900
US	245,600	211,100	211,100	224,900
Canning	106,700	84,400	84,400	95,200
Freezing	138,900	126,700	126,700	129,700

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> 2003 - CA, ID, IL, MD, and NJ.

2004 - CA, ID, IL, MD, and NJ.

2005 - CA, ID, IL, MD, and NJ.

**Tomatoes for Processing: Area Planted and Production  
by State and United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted 2005**

State	Area Planted			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
CA	289,000	301,000	293,000	265,000
IN	8,400	8,400	8,400	7,900
MI	3,400	3,600	3,600	
OH	6,400	6,600	6,500	6,400
Oth Sts <sup>2 3 4</sup>	2,830	1,630	1,630	4,600
US	310,030	321,230	313,130	283,900
	Production			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract Intentions <sup>1</sup>
		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
CA	9,252,000	11,672,000	11,350,000	10,300,000
IN	202,290	274,810	274,810	240,650
MI	125,400	108,500	108,500	
OH	173,280	177,320	174,460	166,000
Oth Sts <sup>2 3 4</sup>	66,740	33,780	33,780	137,100
US	9,819,710	12,266,410	11,941,550	10,843,750

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> 2003 - MD, NJ, and PA.

2004 - MD and NJ.

2005 - MI and NJ.

<sup>3</sup> Seasonal forecasts for MD are not available. Estimate to be published in the *Vegetables 2005 Summary*, released in January 2006.

<sup>4</sup> PA estimates discontinued in 2004.

## Processing Crop Comments

Growers of vegetables for processing intend to plant 1.21 million contracted acres in 2005, down 1 percent from 2004. Decreased contracted acreage for tomatoes, snap beans, and sweet corn offsets increased acreage for cucumbers for pickles and green peas. Acreage for freezing, at 383,600 acres, is virtually unchanged from last year. Acreage for canning, forecast at 829,500 acres, is down 2 percent from 2004.

**Snap Beans:** Processors contracted to plant 194,800 acres of snap beans, down 4 percent from last year. Contracted acreage for freezing, at 60,900 acres, is up 2 percent from 2004. Contracted acreage for canning, at 133,900 acres, is down 7 percent from 2004. Wisconsin's contracted acreage, at 71,300 acres, is down 4 percent from the previous year. In Illinois, growers expect to begin planting during the last week of April. Weather conditions have remained mild and no problems are reported. Indiana growers have not been able to get into fields to plant due to very wet conditions. North Carolina growers should begin planting in April after fields dry out from recent rains. Oregon had a very dry winter which will limit irrigation supplies for growers. Pennsylvania has experienced cold and wet conditions and growers are not sure at this time how the processed snap bean crop will do this year. Excessive rainfall in Texas disrupted planting. Virginia growers are preparing to plant.

**Sweet Corn:** Contract intentions call for 408,800 acres of sweet corn in 2005, down 1 percent from last year. Contracted acreage for freezing, at 193,000 acres, is 2 percent less than last year's total. Contracted acreage for canning, at 215,800 acres, is virtually unchanged from 2004. Minnesota sweet corn for processing is grown in the southeast, south central, and central portions of the State. On March 18, these areas received up to 2 feet of snow which might hinder planting due to excessive moisture. Oregon growers expect available irrigation water to be limited due to a very dry winter season which produced very little snow pack. In Wisconsin, field work has not begun.

**Cucumbers for Pickles:** Pickle packers intend to contract 100,700 acres of cucumbers for pickles, up 15 percent from last year. Planting of the spring crop in Florida began in January. Favorable weather conditions have kept planting on schedule until recently when rains interrupted field work and reduced quality for a portion of the crop. Contracting of Michigan's cucumbers for pickles is progressing as planting is more than a month away for most growers. North Carolina growers expect to begin planting in April once fields dry out. The Texas crop is doing well under favorable conditions. Planting in Wisconsin is just getting started.

**Green Peas:** Green peas are forecast at 224,900 in 2005, up 7 percent from 2004. Contracted acreage for freezing, at 129,700 acres, is 2 percent more than last year. Contracted acreage for canning, at 95,200 acres, is 13 percent above 2004. In Wisconsin, growers intend to contract 38,600 acres of green peas, up 28 percent from last year. Planting for the Minnesota crop is expected to begin in early May. Excessive snowfall on March 18 in the vegetable growing areas may delay planting activities. Oregon experienced an unseasonably dry winter. This year, as of March 1, the snow pack was less than 25 percent of average in the west to less than 70 percent of average in the eastern part of the State. As a result, growers are concerned about availability of irrigation water. In Washington, planting is just getting started. The winter was warm and dry causing concern among growers that irrigation supplies will not be adequate this season.

**Tomatoes for Canning:** Contracts with growers cover 283,900 acres in 2005, down 9 percent from last year. Contract production, at 10.8 million tons, is 9 percent below 2004. California production is forecast at 10.3 million tons, down 9 percent from 2004. Planting under hot caps or plastic tunnels was underway by late February. Continued rainfall caused wet soil conditions that slowed field activity throughout March, leading to a decrease in harvested acres. There have been no reports of significant pest infestations or diseases. Indiana growers have done very little field work due to wet field conditions. Processors are still finalizing Indiana contracts for this year's growing season.

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